



Rendezvous Spring 2005–Winter 2006



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Voyageurs National Park in 2005

Letter from the Superintendent

Acknowledging things that last seems to be a universal human practice – we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in order to honor and recognize people and their achievements. This year, at Voyageurs, we celebrate several milestones. In 1965, the Voyageurs National Park Association was established. Its members worked tirelessly to see that Voyageurs became a national park. Thirty years ago on April 8, 1975 the park was officially established. And, ten years ago, in 1995, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park came into being. The Friends provide support for many of the park's programs. By most standards, Voyageurs is still a young park. It is in transition and in the process of becoming what it will be one hundred years from now. Our aim is for the park to be much as it is now – a place to slow down and really see and experience the natural world.

Unlike the great parks of the West, which were created from the nation's vast inventory of public lands, the land that makes up Voyageurs came from a variety of sources – the state of Minnesota donated the lands it owned within the park's boundaries. Other lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management were transferred to the National Park Service. The federal government purchased several large tracts from paper and forest product companies. And finally and most significantly, private lands in what has become the park were purchased from individuals. While some sold willingly, others did not. For many families, the establishment of the park represents loss of personal and private spaces.

While we acknowledge that some people gave up a great deal to make this park, we know the park gives much to new generations of visitors. We know too that Voyageurs is part of the nation's significant places set aside for its intrinsic and special qualities. Each year families come to Voyageurs – some for the first time, others as an annual trek – to enjoy the scenery and wildness the park was established to preserve and protect for all Americans for all time.

So when we celebrate the park's 30th anniversary, we celebrate the lakes and the glaciated landscape that are its sources of tranquility and calm. We delight in the loons and eagles that make Voyageurs their home. We celebrate the native people who preceded us on these waters. We honor the people who had the foresight to see that this forested lake country of the North needed to be part of the nation's heritage as a national park. Finally, we celebrate you and other visitors who have made Voyageurs a part of their heart's landscape. Your concern and careful attention will ensure that Voyageurs will always be a place of pleasure and renewal.

–Barbara West



RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER*

(218) 286-5258

May 13 - 26, 2005 and September 6 - 30, 2005
Wednesday – Sunday – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

May 27 – September 5, 2005
Daily – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January 2 – May 12, 2005
October 1, 2005 – May 25, 2006
Wednesday – Sunday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



KABETOGRAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER*

(218) 875-2111

May 27 – September 5, 2005
Daily – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

September 6 – 30, 2005
Wednesday – Sunday – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER*

(218) 374-3221

May 27 – September 30, 2005
Saturday, Sunday, & Wednesday –
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

24-hour restrooms

(May be open additional days. Please call ahead.)



CRANE LAKE RANGER STATION

(218) 993-2481

HEADQUARTERS

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters
(218) 283-9821
www.nps.gov/voya



**(Visitor center dates and times subject to change, call ahead)*



HISTORIC KETTLE FALLS HOTEL

(218) 875-2070 winter
(218) 240-1724, (218) 240-1726 summer only
www.kettlefallshotel.com



Open mid-May to September 30
Trading Post, food, lodging, gas, portage service,
and water-taxi service for guests from the mainland.



Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls, and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park's gateway communities.

EMERGENCIES Call 911
Cellular phones MAY NOT work in the park.
Payphones are near all visitor centers.



Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here or spend a season. Be sure your visit includes some of these highlighted events. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not try a couple of seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?



Summer (June-August)

The park supports a large population of river otters. Watch for scat containing crayfish and shell remains on rocks, docks, and trails. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slide marks in the mud.



In late May, June, and July many wildflowers are in bloom. You can find orchids, such as yellow and showy ladyslippers and purple fringed orchid, as well as an abundance of other wildflowers in close proximity to the visitor centers and along park trails. Ask for a wildflower checklist and trail guide at one of the park’s visitor centers.

Summer is a time to enjoy the newest residents of the park. Eaglets that hatched in May call for food from their lofty stick nests. Black bear cubs born during winter learn to search for food at their mother’s side. Common loon chicks emerge from large brown

eggs starting in late June, and learn about life in the park from a cozy spot on the female’s back. In early August, watch for eaglets (lacking the white head and tail) tentatively leaving their white pine nests for the first time. Look down and all around at colorful lichens on the soil, rocks, and trees. Can you find the 400 kinds that grow here?

Autumn (September-November)

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and the larches, or tamaracks, turn to gold; they are the only conifer here to drop their needles. With the changing leaves and the cool, crisp air, it’s the perfect time to hike the park’s many trails. Snow buntings and dark-eyed juncos from the north gather in flocks along the roadsides searching for wild seeds. They whirl up into the sky as you pass by. Summer is at an end. Minnesota’s state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters. Autumn is a time of dramatic change in the north woods. As the ice forms, its howls drift through the silence as the freeze slowly takes hold once again. Winter is on the way.

Where’s the Wildlife?

Winter (December-March)

Once frozen, lakes provide the path of least resistance for wolf packs on the hunt for deer, beaver and moose. They may be seen crossing the lakes. Drive along the park’s ice road and watch for their tracks and those of bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill. Still and silent, the park is a winter palace of pastel skies and a frosted land. Tracks on the snow tell the tales of those who venture out into this stunning solitude. Watch for the rare track of a lynx or the common track of snowshoe hares. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slides in snow left by playful river otters.



Cold – to escape it, ruffed grouse dive into deep snowbanks for warmth, where the snow acts as insulation. Watch for smooth entrance holes or explosion type exit spots with tell tale feather markings in the snow. Watch for winter birds like flocks of evening and pine grosbeaks, and bohemian waxwings. You may even catch a glimpse of a great grey or snowy owl.

Spring (April-May)

Look up. Migrating birds are returning to nest or eat in the park. Flocks of white pelicans are a common sight. Listen for the cry of the returning common loon as he calls to melting lakes below seeking an unoccupied site for the summer.

Winter adaptations are no longer necessary as snow melts and lakes thaw. Snowshoe hares and ermine change from white to brown and the land slowly turns green again. Black bears emerge and search for tender buds. In May, listen to the trees and the ponds as the calls of frogs and tiny warblers fill the air.



Species	Arrival	Departure	Destination
Common Loon	Ice-out, late April–mid-May	October	Atlantic & gulf coasts; stay on ocean all winter
Bald Eagle	Late March–early April nesting activity begins.	October–November	Atlantic & gulf coast east; Great Lakes, southwest & western United States
White Pelican	Late April, breed at Lake of the Woods, forage for fish in the park.	October	Gulf coast & all of Florida
Warblers	Leaf-out early–mid-May	August–October	Central & South America, Mexico and the Caribbean
Ducks	Late March–early April.	October–November	Central & southern United States
Species	Seasonal Activities	Daily Activity	Wildlife Watching
Black Bear	Den up: October Emerge: April	Active at all times of day: feed, travel, rest intermittently during day	At locations of natural food sources such as blueberry patches and areas of hazelnuts or acorns
Grey Wolf	Breeding season February, pups born in April	Warm season: travel & hunt at night; winter–active at all times of day	On large lakes on ice during winter
Moose	Breeding September–October, calves born late May	Mostly active at night, but occasionally travel & feed during the day	Feeding on aquatic vegetation along lakes & ponds at dusk and dawn during spring & summer
River Otter	Breed in late winter or early spring, shortly after litter is born	Active swimming, feeding & playing during the day	Swimming in lakes, ponds and streams
Beaver	Breed in January & February, kits born in May or June	Feeding activity occurs mostly from dusk to dawn	Swimming along the edges of ponds and lakes at dusk
Frogs	Breeding season March–July, depending on species: wood frog–March; green frog–July	Most active during evening	Frogs can be heard singing at dusk or dawn on ponds, lake edges and wetlands



HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY VOYAGEURS!

30 years ago, Voyageurs National Park became the nation’s 36th national park. Over the past five years park staff have:

- continued to protect, monitor, and manage park resources,
- built four day use sites, nine tent sites, one houseboat site, and two group sites,
- constructed a paddle access launch site near the Ash River Visitor Center,
- implemented an overnight permit system,
- managed the production of a new park film.

FIREWOOD PEST ALERT –

Where did you get your firewood?

Two species of invasive non-native beetles are being inadvertently spread through firewood shipments. These shipments pose a threat to our forests. The **Asian Longhorned Beetle** and the **Emerald Ash Borer** are being spread through firewood and other pathways to new areas, causing tree mortality and threatening the health of wild land and urban forests and cultural landscapes. The Asian Longhorned Beetle is in

New York and Illinois and the Emerald Ash Borer is in southeastern Michigan.

The only management for infestations of these two beetles is the physical removal of trees.



Emerald Ash Borer



Asian Longhorned Beetle, U.S.F.S.



Emerald Ash Borer Exit Hole, Deborah McCullough, MSU

WHERE DID THE TURTLES GO?

During your visit to Voyageurs National Park you will likely see turtles, cool rocks, interesting driftwood, and maybe even something that looks like an artifact, but you need to leave everything you find during your visit in the park. Rangers find visitors trying to remove a variety of park resources during their visit. At the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center visitors enjoy watching the turtles as they lie in the sun just outside the viewing window.

Unfortunately, in 2004 someone removed most of the resident turtles near the Visitor Center and ruined a close-up wildlife encounter for many visitors. *Please look and explore but do not take anything from the park.*



Both trees damaged in Sept. 2002



DON'T HELP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

Aquatic exotic species are a threat to Voyageurs’ lakes and wetlands. Help stop the spread of unwanted species:

- **Inspect** your boat, trailer, and boating equipment and remove any plants and animals that are visible *before* leaving any waterbody.
- **Drain**, on land, all water from the motor, livewell, bilge, and transom wells *before* leaving the area.
- **EMPTY YOUR BAIT BUCKET** on land. Never release live bait into a waterbody, or release aquatic animals from one waterbody into another.
- **WASH AND DRY YOUR BOAT**, tackle, downriggers, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. This can be done on your way home or once you have returned home. *Some aquatic nuisance species can survive for long periods of time out of the water, so it is important to:*
 - 1) **rinse** your boat and equipment that normally get wet with HOT (at least 40°C or 104°F) tap water; or
 - 2) **spray** your boat and trailer with high-pressure water; or
 - 3) **dry** your boat and equipment for at least 5 days, before transporting to another waterbody.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR FISHING TACKLE IS MADE OF?

Lead is found in most fishing sinkers and jigs. When lead fishing tackle is lost, birds such as loons, swans, and eagles can inadvertently eat them. Some birds swallow lead when they scoop up pebbles from the bottom of a lake or river to help grind their food; others ingest lead when they eat fish that have swallowed sinkers. Lead is toxic and one sinker can kill a loon. Lead has adverse affects on the nervous and reproductive systems of mammals and birds.

- Lead poisoning does not have to happen. You can buy non-lead fishing tackle made from tin, bismuth, steel, or recycled glass.
- Do your part to protect the park’s wildlife from lead poisoning. Exchange your lead tackle for a safer alternative at park visitor centers, while supplies last.
- You can also help loons by observing them quietly from a distance. Do not disturb loons on nests or with young.



KEEP THE SHADE!

If you enjoy shade after a day of boating, please do not cut the trees at your site. Every summer numerous trees are damaged in the name of fun, or as an attempt to get firewood. Living trees make poor firewood and axe damage usually kills a tree. Please respect the trees and leave them healthy for others to enjoy some shade. Only dead and downed wood may be used for fires.

GET IN AND GET OUT - BOAT RAMP ETIQUETTE

Voyageurs’ boat ramps are busy places during the summer months. Please show respect for other park users by following these simple rules of etiquette while loading and launching your boat.

- *Before launching, prepare your boat in an out of the way place.* Remove covers and tiedown straps (except bow strap) and install electronics. Load everything – rods, tackle, coolers, and other gear before you enter the launching area.
- When it's your turn to launch do it as quickly as you can do it comfortably, and move your boat away from the launching side of the dock.
- You should extend the same courtesies when you return to the dock to load your boat. Tie up on the opposite side of the launch area. This way if anyone arrives to launch, before you return with your tow vehicle, you don't have someone waiting on you.
- *Unload your boat after you pull it out of the water and leave the launching area.*
- Keep pets leashed and under your control.

FIREWORKS – leave them at home!

Although some fireworks are legal in Minnesota, *no fireworks are allowed* in Voyageurs National Park. What’s the big deal about fireworks?

- fireworks are loud and disruptive for other park visitors
- fireworks leave litter on beaches and at campsites
- fireworks can start wild fires

Leave your fireworks at home and instead look north for nature’s own version of visual beauty – the northern lights.



2005 Naturalist Programs and Special Events

Explore Voyageurs National Park!

Join a naturalist-guided program or attend a special event.

For a complete summer program schedule visit Voyageurs' website at www.nps.gov/voya or call a park visitor center (see phone numbers on page 2) starting Memorial Day.

Voyageurs plans to offer the following programs during summer 2005:

Other Program Notes

Canoe Programs:

- Reservations are recommended for north canoe voyages.
- All canoe trips are weather dependent.
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets and instructions are provided.
- We recommend participants know how to swim.

North Canoe Voyage: (reservations recommended)

Paddle back in history aboard a North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend that participants know how to swim.
1.5 hours, Adults \$4, Child \$2 (cash or check only)

Voyage by Canoe:

Join a ranger or volunteer guide to learn the basics, then set out to explore nearby wetlands and to watch for wildlife by canoe. We provide lessons, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. All from novice to expert are welcome. We recommend that participants know how to swim.
2 hours, free

Voyageurs Adventures for Kids:

Explore the natural world around you with a park ranger. Ask about our Junior Ranger program.
1 hour program, free

Tour Boat Programs:

Availability and schedule to be determined. Please call ahead for a schedule or check www.nps.gov/voya after May 15, 2005.



2005 Special Events – www.nps.gov/voya

National Park Week:

April 18-24, 2005

Open House: Saturday, April 23, 2005

Come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center for a day of activities and presentations and to view special exhibits. Call (218) 283-9821 for detailed information or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

Birders Rendezvous:

June 3, 4, & 5, 2005

Voyageurs National Park is home to over 240 species of birds. Experience bird watching at its best during guided bird hikes and boat tours. Registration required. Schedule available in February, call (218) 286-5258 or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



Special Speakers Series:

Fridays, June 17 – August 19, 2005, 7:30-8:30 pm

Join us at the Woodenfrog Campground historic refectory building for an enjoyable and educational presentation from a different guest speaker each Friday night. Topics include: geology of Voyageurs National Park; bald eagle, wolf, and loon research; dragonflies of the North Woods; and more. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center at (218) 875-2111 in June for a complete schedule of programs or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



Autumn Rendezvous: Celebrate the Scenery

August 27 & 28, 2005,

Saturday & Sunday

Celebrate the Scenery at Voyageurs National Park during the annual Autumn Rendezvous event. Programs will include canoe trips, talks, games, and activities. The event will take place at the Ash River Visitor Center on Saturday, and at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center on Sunday. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center at (218) 875-2111 in July for a complete schedule of programs or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



2006 Winter Programs

January-March, 2006

Wild Winter

Rendezvous

Sundays,

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Programs are held at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (888) 381-2873, Wed. – Sun. for a schedule or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



Photo by: Carl Breske

2005 Special Events
www.nps.gov/voya



Where to Go?

Rainy Lake

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

- Voyageur Outpost – Children’s Corner
- Junior Ranger Program
- Naturalist Programs
- Exhibits
- Life-size Bull Moose
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Conference Room
- Theater Room for Park Film and Videos
- Indoor Woodstove
- Picnic Area with Tables & Fire Grates
- Hiking, Skiing & Snowshoeing Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping and Boats on Interior Lakes
- 7-mile Ice Road
- Ski Rentals & Free Snowshoe Loan
- Open Year-round; see schedule on page 2

Little American Gold Mine Island (.25 mile loop)

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities. Today, a 210-foot shaft along with machinery and adits (entrances leading into mines) remain from the Rainy Lake Gold Rush. You may experience the island as part of a ranger-led walk during a tour boat program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures. Bring along a sack lunch and stop at one of the benches for a leisurely and historical afternoon. Boat access only.



Bushyhead Island Mine

Oberholtzer Trail (1 mile one way)

Travel to two overlooks to view the vast diversity of flora the park has to offer. Wheelchair accessible the first 1/4 mile. The trailhead is located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trail maps and self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor center. Tracked in winter for snowshoeing.

Anderson Bay (2.1 mile loop)

This trailhead is only accessible by watercraft. It will take you high up on the rocky cliffs to view spectacular scenery of Rainy Lake.

Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail (.6 mile one way) and Black Bay Ski Trail (6 miles total)

The Black Bay Trails are accessible only by watercraft in the summer and the ice road in the winter. The Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail takes you through high pine country to a stunning beaver pond overlook. The Black Bay Ski Trail offers 1.2 miles of beginner trails and 4 miles of intermediate trails.

Crane Lake

Crane Lake Ranger Station

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Boat Ramp & Docking
- United States Forest Service Hiking Trails
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping

Vermilion Falls

A 10-minute hike on a well-maintained interpretive trail puts the visitor at Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before Crane Lake turn left on USFS Road 491; travel four miles to the trailhead.

Vermilion Gorge Trail

At a leisurely pace, this 3-mile round-trip trail can be easily hiked in 2 hours. The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located .1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake.



Vermilion River Rapids

Kabetogama Peninsula

Boats on Interior Lakes Program

Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage a boat or canoe. Voyageurs provides canoes and/or rowboats on some remote lakes reachable only by trails, for a fee of \$10 per boat per day. The park DOES NOT provide rental canoes or boats at the visitor centers or other park entry locations.

Visitors must use their own water transportation, or contact a local resort or outfitter for water taxi service to the trailheads to these interior lakes. Park canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following nine interior lakes only: 1) Locator; 2) Quill; 3) Ek; 4) Cruiser; 5) Little Shoepack; 6) Shoepack; 7) Cranberry Creek (to get to Locator); 8) Brown; and, 9) Peary.

Reservations are recommended, and can be made from one week in advance to the day of use by phone or in person. For lakes 1-7 listed above call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center at (218) 875-2111 and for lakes 7-9 call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (218) 286-5258.

Cruiser Lake Trail system (9.5 miles one way)

Visitors can enter the Cruiser Lake Trail System from either Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake. The trail will take you up rocky cliffs and down to wetland areas. The trail winds its way to several interior lakes. A visitor is more likely to see the park’s larger wildlife, such as moose while in this nonmotorized backcountry area.

Historic Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel was built around 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. At one time the Kettle Falls area attracted a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, and bootleggers. Today, you can hike around the historic area, dine at the concessionaire-operated historic hotel, stay overnight in the hotel or villas, view the Kettle Falls Dam and look south into Canada from atop the dam lookout.



Chain-of-Lakes Snowmobile Trail

During the winter season get on your snowmobile and head out to the peninsula for a ride in the park’s pristine backcountry. Follow the 11-mile Chain-of-Lakes Trail (ungroomed) from Rainy to Kabetogama Lake.

Where to Go?

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

- Children's Corner
- Exhibits & Freshwater Aquarium
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Junior Ranger Program
- Park Film and Videos
- Picnic Tables, Fire Rings & Benches
- Hiking Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Naturalist Programs
- Orchids in Bloom (June & July) & Pond Life Viewing
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open late May – September; see schedule on page 2



heron rookery and sightings of warblers, woodpeckers, and even a great gray owl. Bring your binoculars and a sense of wonder to enjoy what you may discover.

Locator Lake Trail (2 miles one way)

Reaching this trailhead by boat is only the start of the adventure! Portage your own canoe, or reserve a park canoe or rowboat (Boats on Interior Lakes program) on this scenic lake which marks the head of the interior chain of lakes. Enjoy a close-up view of a beaver dam and lodge as you hike this narrow, rocky, and colorful trail.

Echo Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop)

This trail is accessible by car and is ~3 miles northwest of the visitor center off County Road 122; look for signs. Hike in summer, or ski the trail in winter. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops.

Birding is great here with a great blue

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

This unique sculpture garden created by Mr. Jack Ellsworth during his summer visits from 1944 through 1965 is a popular destination. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed at its peak. The park began work in 1996 to preserve the gardens. You may see crews planting flowers, weeding beds, cutting trees, or repairing sculptures. Picnic tables, a picnic shelter & fire rings are available. *Accessible only by water.*



Photo by Jim St. Clair

Woodenfrog State Campground

This State campground is accessible by car and is 5 miles northwest of the visitor center. The campground has 63 primitive campsites and a day use beach and launch area. Ask about the naturalist programs Voyageurs National Park offers here each summer. For information about the campground, call (218) 753-2245.



Ash River

Ash River Visitor Center

- Historic Log Lodge Setting
- Stone Fireplace
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Children's Table & Junior Ranger Program
- Park Orientation Video, Natural & Cultural History Videos
- Picnic Tables & Fire Rings
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Exhibits & Autumn Rendezvous
- Rustic Setting with Pine Covered Rock Outcrops
- Scenic Drive and Spectacular view of Kabetogama Lake
- Hiking Trails
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open late May – September; see schedule on page 2
- Non-motorized launch area (paddle access)

Ash River Scenic Drive (11 miles one way)

Don't miss this! In a water-based park, scenic drives are hard to find, but this one rivals any others. Off Highway 53, the Ash River Trail (County Road 129), is a scenic paved, winding road that takes you to the visitor center. In summer, a spectacular carpet of native wildflowers lines the road followed by brilliant red maples in the autumn. Miniature frozen waterfalls grace the rock faces in winter. Travel through spruce bogs and red pine forests as you watch for deer, foxes, grouse, gray jays, and wolves, all seen quite often along the road.



Voyageurs Forest Overlook (.5 mile loop)

On the entrance road to the visitor center there are three pullouts. The first pullout is the Voyageurs Forest Overlook. This pullout has a short loop trail with interpretive signs and picnic and restroom facilities. Watch for wildlife as you learn more about the area's forest history.

Beaver Pond Overlook (0.2 mile one way) and Kab-Ash Trail (24 miles — one way & loops)

This is the second pullout along the entrance road. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above one of the park's beaver ponds. With a park population of over 2,800, the influence of beavers on the landscape is noticeable. For best viewing opportunities, visit the overlook near sunset. In winter, watch for wolf tracks leading to beaver lodges and for warm air rising from roof vents.

The Kab-Ash trail has four trailheads – Salmi Road, Kabetogama; two on Ash River Trail Road; and Beaver Pond Overlook. Hikers and skiers can complete loops or one-way treks. This trail travels through forests and wetlands and offers scenic vistas. For more information call (218) 875-2111.

Kabetogama Lake Overlook (0.2 mile one way) and Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop)

This is the third and closest pullout to the visitor center. A short wheelchair accessible trail through the forest leads to a bench at the lake overlook. The overlook also serves as a starting point for the Blind Ash Bay Trail, a narrow, rocky path leading to a view of Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this popular hike from the upper overflow parking lot at the visitor center. For the Blind Ash Bay Trail, bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy shoes. Explore by snowshoe in the winter.

Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail

Only available in winter, strap on your snowshoes for a 1.5 mile round trip trek to view Sullivan Bay. Watch for the snowshoe sign along the entrance road. Trail is tracked.



Voyageurs — A Boater's Park

With over 80,000 acres of water, **Voyageurs National Park is a boater's paradise.** This is a unique park. With fewer than 10 miles of roads, visitors must leave their cars behind for a motorboat, tourboat (see page 5), canoe, houseboat, kayak or sailboat to truly experience the park.

With increased numbers and types of boats in park waters, it is even more important to be courteous to your fellow visitors.

- Powerboats give canoes and kayaks a broad berth; wakes from your vessel may swamp paddlers.
- Be cautious and alert when traveling through narrow passages.



- Canoes and kayaks can be difficult to see and should avoid using the main channels.
- Motorized and nonmotorized vessels launch at the same locations, except at Ash River Visitor Center. Please watch out for each other.
- Paddlers should observe the angle of a motorboat's bow – the driver may not see you.

Do You Know Where Your Lifejacket Is?

Always wear your life jacket – it won't work unless you wear it. Minnesota state law requires all watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and readily accessible for each person in the watercraft. The U.S. Coast Guard requires children under 13 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.



Navigation You Need to Know

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System: The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes all flow north or downlake toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east or downlake to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west or downlake to International Falls. Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake (red right return).

3 Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.



Circled mark means a controlled area. It may carry a speed limit, for example.

2 Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.



Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.



Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.

Safe Boating Checklist

- ☐ A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- ☐ Navigation lights at night – Use them!
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Whistle or horn
- ☐ Navigational maps
- ☐ Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- ☐ Spare propeller and shear pin
- ☐ Flashlight and first aid kit
- ☐ Type IV throwable cushion or ring

Reminders...

Don't overload the boat.

All passengers should stay seated or within boat while boat is moving; ***bow or gunwale riding prohibited!***

Watch the weather — get off the lake during thunderstorms.

Watch for hypothermia from cold water and wind.

Know where you can refuel.

Avoid prolonged exposure.

BOAT SOBER — operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal.

Things to Know

National park rangers enforce a wide spectrum of federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- **Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park.** This includes cutting live trees and collecting any natural or cultural resources except berries and nuts.
- **Do not harass wildlife!** Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially nesting birds or adults with young.
- **Don't drink and drive!** Operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- **Public use closures:** Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas closed for protection of visitors or park resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.
- **Keep the Shade!** Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited.
- Hunting is not allowed in the park.
- Firearms, fireworks, and archery equipment are prohibited. Chain saws are prohibited except for cutting ice-fishing holes.
- Private floatplanes are allowed on the four major lakes — Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point. They are also allowed on Locator, War Club, Quill, Loiten, Shoepack, Mukooda, and Little Trout Lakes.
- **Know Canadian fishing and customs regulations** before you cross the border – (807) 274-3655.
- **Pets must be leashed and attended to at all times.** They are allowed in developed areas; around visitor centers, boat ramps, and picnic areas; on entrance roads; and at tent, houseboat, and day use sites on the four main lakes. *They must be restrained on a leash not more than 6' long and under your control. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.*



- **Quiet Time** — Parkwide 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- **Extinguish fires when leaving campsites.**
- **Anglers know the slot!** If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations at area businesses and visitor centers. A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota state fishing regulations.
- **Swimming, diving, or bathing** is prohibited at docks in developed areas (e.g., visitor centers and Kettle Falls). Diving from other park docks is not recommended.
- **Water Skiing** is prohibited in navigation channels.
- **Don't litter.** Keep Voyageurs National Park clean. Pack out what you pack in.

Consider This:

- Use non-toxic sinkers instead of sinkers made of lead, which can poison loons and other wildlife.
- Always retrieve and dispose of lines and hooks properly.
- Practice catch and release fishing
 - Play, unhook, and release fish quickly
 - Don't rub off protective slime
 - Needle nose pliers speed up hook removal
 - Handle fish firmly, but gently, never by eye sockets
 - Keep fish in the water to the greatest extent possible
 - If gut hooks, cut line and release
- Rangers monitor Marine Band Channel 16 when on duty, not 24 hours a day.



National Park Service Artist-in-Residence

Program: Voyageurs National Park invites professional artists to stay at the park for two weeks in order to interpret the park through art. Applications for residencies are open to two-dimension visual artists, photographers, sculptors, performers, writers, video/filmmakers and composers. When: August, two weeks. How: application deadline March 15. Contact Artist-in-Residence Coordinator at 218-283-9821.

Do you want to work for Voyageurs National Park?

The National Park Service hires seasonal employees throughout the year. Applicants may apply to specific announcements posted on the internet at www.usajobs.opm.gov or www.sep.nps.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Office at Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649 or at (218) 283-9821.

Volunteer positions and student internships are also available.

**Please don't drink and drive...
...a car!
...a boat!
...a snowmobile!**













We need your help to make Voyageurs a safe place to visit.

The alcohol limits and laws that apply to automobile drivers are the same for operators of boats and snowmobiles. *Come to Voyageurs to enjoy the scenery and recreation, not to risk your life.*



Camping and Houseboating



The Basics

-  You need a boat to camp in the park. All overnight sites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available nearby at State and private campgrounds.
-  All boat-in sites are free.
-  All sites, except the Voyageurs Narrows site, are occupied on a first-come/first-served basis; no reservations.
-  Site N41, Voyageurs Narrows – accessible site available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance, to make reservations.
-  Obey all site closure signs.
-  Food storage – all food, garbage, and equipment used to cook and store food must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, or metal food locker or hung 10’ high and 10’ out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.
-  Recommended maximum group sizes
 - small tent site – 9 people
 - large tent site – 18 people
 - houseboat site – 2 houseboats
-  **Fires**
 - Use only dead and downed wood, including driftwood, except within developed areas and where posted.
 - Cutting live trees or dead standing trees is prohibited.
 - Fires are permitted in metal fire rings. Construct no new rock rings. Campfires must be completely extinguished when you are not at the site.
-  Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking is permitted at park visitor centers.
-  Leaving property unattended in an overnight site for 24 hours or more is illegal.
-  Use tent pads where provided – no digging, trenching, or leveling allowed.
-  Dig cat holes for human waste if a privy is not available.

Camping Permits

- Overnight use requires a free, self-registration permit
- Overnight permits are issued in person or by self-registration.
 - Permits and instructions can be obtained at all park visitor centers and boat ramps, Crane Lake Ranger Station, Crane Lake Minnesota Department of Natural Resources public boat ramp, and Woodenfrog State Campground.
 - Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
 - Each party (individual or group) must display a permit at their site on the food locker, a tent or houseboat.
 - Permits ARE NOT a reservation for a site!
 - Park staff at visitor centers will not know which sites are available as a result of this permit system.
 - Rangers in the field may ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.
 - Permits are not required for day use.
 - Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site and 30 days in a calendar year.

Know where you can go!

- Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight:
- at day use sites
 - within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
 - on private or leased land
 - within 1/4 mile of any park-developed area (e.g. visitor center)
 - within 1/4 mile of any structure
-  Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers cannot stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at tent sites until 2 p.m.
-  Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters cannot stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.

Do bears use sunscreen, drink pop, and eat dog food?

Did you know that approximately 150 black bears live in Voyageurs National Park? Bears are neat to see but you don’t want them to visit your campsite. To prevent human-bear incidents, the park provides metal food lockers at most developed campsites for safe storage of food, cooking supplies, and other items. Black bears will try to eat things that smell good or look interesting.

To help keep bears out of your campsite put the following items in the food locker or hang your pack from a tree:

- closed or open cans or bottles of beer, pop, and juice – especially beer. Bears will bite into a closed can if it smells sweet or if they recognize it as something that tasted sweet before.
- dish soap and hand soap – loved by bears, especially the tasty lemon scent
- water bottles or water jugs
- all food; coolers fit right into the food locker
- dog food in a can or bag, it does not matter, bears will eat it
- all food scraps and trash
- all pots, pans, utensils, and cooking stoves. You cannot scrub the smell off pans or stoves.
- toothpaste – children’s toothpaste flavors smell especially tasty
- sunscreen
- bug spray, yes bears may bite into your can of bug spray
- your catch of the day – don’t leave food, bait or the catch of the day in your boat or out in camp
- backpacks or containers that once held food
- clothing worn during cooking
- any kind of candy or gum wrappers. Patrol rangers have received reports of boats being ripped apart for a candy wrapper in a boat compartment. Leave boat compartments open at night so bears will not rip your boat apart to see what is inside. Better to let them look and not damage your boat.



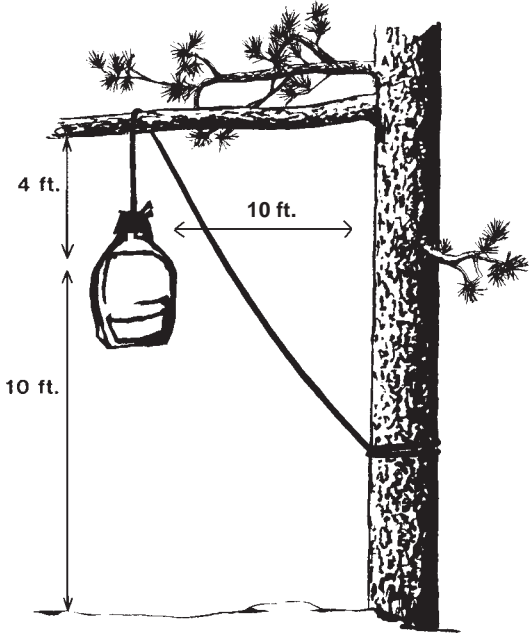
- take motor oil and gas with you in the boat when you go fishing; bears bite into gas cans and oil cans

If an item smells, looks, or tastes remotely like food or is something fun to play with, secure it in the food locker. Clean campsites and the use of food lockers help prevent campsite closures and the trapping and relocation of bears.

If you plan to camp in the backcountry or at a site without a food locker, you must hang your pack with the items listed above as shown in the diagram at right.

When camping in bear country keep these things in mind:

- do not cook food near your tent
- do not keep food in your tent
- pack out your garbage when you leave; do not bury it
- do not feed bears or other wildlife
- dispose of fish entrails in deep water; pack out shorelunch grease
- frighten black bears by yelling, banging pans together or throwing rocks
- if a bear woofs, snaps its jaws, or slaps the ground, you are too close
- black bears rarely pursue people, but “playing dead” is not appropriate behavior when dealing with an aggressive black bear; fight back using whatever is available.



Did you encounter a bear?
Report all bear incidents to a park visitor center.

Winter Activities

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. At the center, you can enjoy exhibits, naturalist-led programs, and hot cocoa.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call (218) 286-5258. The Visitor Center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Snow and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot beverages
- Voyageurs Outpost – Children’s corner
- Maps of ski, snowshoe & snowmobile trails
- Naturalist Programs

- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Lifesize bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals

Winter Programs at Rainy Lake Visitor Center

On Sundays, from mid-January through the end of March, Voyageurs National Park offers winter programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (888) 381-2873, Wednesday through Sunday for a schedule of events or visit www.nps.gov/voya


Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel is closed during the winter. Access to view the hotel up close is by foot only. There are no snowmobile trails up to the front of the hotel.

Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing at Voyageurs National Park. Ski rentals available at Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

- The Black Bay Ski Trail is located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 5 miles of trail.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resource’s challenging 10.2-mile Tilson Creek Trail is accessible from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center upper parking lot.
- Approximately 3.5 miles of forested trail await the skier at the Echo Bay Trail. The trail is located 3.5 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. Follow County Road 122 north toward Woodenfrog Campground. Turn right at the Northern Lights Road. Parking area is on the left. Trail is not groomed.
- The Kab-Ash trail offers 22 miles of ungroomed ski trails.



Rainy Lake Ice Road


The 7-mile Rainy Lake ice road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

- The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.
- The speed limit is 30 MPH.
- When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Snowshoeing


Journey into the past! For hundreds of years, people traveled on snowshoes. Explore the winter landscape on one of the park’s three tracked snowshoe trails. Snowshoes for loan are available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

- Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 miles round trip). Trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center.
- Sullivan Bay Trail (1.5 miles round trip). Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. Trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.
- Oberholtzer Trail (2 miles round trip). Trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler’s dream. Place ice houses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and icehouse registration required.



Snowmobilers – Things to Know

- All land areas in the park are closed to snowmobiles except designated safety portages. Obey closure signs.
- 110 miles of staked and groomed trails in the park
- Chain of Lakes trail is not groomed (11 miles long)
- Lodging, food, gas, and other services are available in the four resort communities adjacent to the park.

Be Safe

- Carry a trail map with you.
- Keep to the right.
- Leave a route plan with someone.

Watch for...

- *Pressure ridges* – They change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
- *Slush and open water* – Avoid them by staying on groomed and staked trails.


Snowmobile Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park – trail conditions posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voya; look for link under “News”

International Falls	800/FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake.....	800/524-9085
Ash River.....	800/950-2061
Crane Lake	877/466-7669 (466-SNOW)

Voyageurs National Park

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ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45
mph

On Trails

25
mph

On Safety Portages



DRINKING AND SLEDDING DON'T MIX!

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

SERVICES

OUTDOOR FUN

SNOWMOBILING



VOYAGEURS ACCOMMODATIONS

Kabetogama Lake			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; F-Firewood; (FGO)-For Guests Only.	Campsites & Services : W-Water; E-Electricity; S-Sewer; D-Dump Station; B-Bathroom; T-Tent Sites; RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing; R-Runabout; C-Canoe; P-Paddleboat; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool	R-Recreation Room; P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)
Kabetogama Tourism Bureau 9903 Gamma Rd., Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085 www.kabetogama.com											
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118	16	1	AL(FGO)	BDISGF	3WESDRV	FCPOD	B	RP	All Year
Birch Grove Resort		(877) 878-4502	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCP	B		May-Oct.
Birchwood Resort	birchwoodresort.com	(218) 875-2503	4	2				FPO			All Year
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	fishandgame.com/harmonybeach	(218) 875-2811	17	3	A	BIPG	4WEBTRV	KCPD(FGO), F	B	P	All Year
Deer Horn Resort	fishandgame.com/deerhorn	(888) 600-3337	7	2		BIG		F(FGO)			May-Oct.
Driftwood Lodge Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(888) 816-1529	12	2		BIG(FGO)		F(FGO)		RP	May-Sept.
Dyrstad's Retreat		(218) 875-2532	2	7		BG(FGO)		FC(FGO)	B		May-Sept.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	(218) 875-3111	4	1		BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.
Four Winds Resort	fourwindsresort.net	Winter (641) 394-4303 (218) 875-2821	10	3		BIG	2WESBRV	F			May-Oct.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewresort.net	(800) 844-6502	10	1		BIG		FCPOP	B	P	May-Sept.
Herse th's Tomahawk Resort	herse th's tomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899	9	2		BIG		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Kab Inn	kabinn.com	(888) 741-1020	6	1		P			B		May-Sept.
Kec's Kove	fishandgame.com/kecs	(800) 777-8405	7	1	APL	BIG		F		RP	All Year
Lakeview Resort	lakeviewkabetogama.com	(877) 422-2471	9	1	L	BIGR		FPPO	B	RP	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968	9	1		BIPG	6WESRV	FCP	B	P	All Year
Narbo's Viking Retreat		(218) 875-2051	2	1			4WESRV	POFCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
North Star Resort		(218) 875-2175	7	3		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort	nlro.com	(800) 318-7023	10	3		BIPG	1WESRV	FCKPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533	8	2		BGIS	3WEBSRV	F(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161	9	1	L	BILPRSG	20WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecove.com	(218) 875-2088	4	2		IG	2WEDTRV	FC			May-Oct.
Pokorny's Resort & Campground		(218) 875-2481	6	1	PL	BIDPRSG	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.
Red Pine Lodge & Resort	redpineresort.com	(218) 875-2441	16	3	APL	BIPGS	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year
Rocky Point Resort	rockypoint-resort.com	(218) 875-2411	8	3		BIRG	4WESBTRV	PFRCP O	B	RP	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595	16	1	APL	BIPSGF	4WEBRV	FCPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(888) 483-4608	11	3		BIG	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
Voyageurs Adventures Outfitting	voyageursadventures.com	(877) GO KAYAK	3	1		SF	2WBT	CK			May-Oct.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694	12	3		BIG(FGO)		FCPPO(FGO)	B	RP	May-Sept.
Woodenfrog Campground	State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 753-2245					63WTRV		B		May-Oct.
Crane Lake											
Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau 7238 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725 (800) 362-7405 • www.visitcranelake.com											
Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(800) 777-7186	1	1		BILPRSG		FCK			May-Oct.
Beddow's Campground		(218) 993-2389	2	2		BDIPG	26WESDBTRV	F	B		May-Oct.
Camp 40 Outfitters	camp40.com	(800) 269-7377	8	1		BISG	B	CRPOK			All Year
Island Cabin	citlink.net/islcabin	(218) 993-2445	1								Dec.-Oct.
La Croix Outfitters	lacroixoutfitters.com	(888) 600-2842	1			PS		C			May-Sept.
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(800) 433-0743	27	1	APL	BILPRSG		FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(800) 269-7377	9	1		BISG		FRCPPOKD		P	All Year
Olson's Northern Aire		(218) 993-2435	1								May-Nov.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446	9	1	L	BILPRG		FCPRPOS	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel		(888) 310-4225	4	1							All Year
Sand Point Lodge		(218) 374-3891	5	1	P	BILRSG		FC	B		May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort		(218) 993-2330	6	2		SG		F	B	RP	May-Sept.
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base		(800) 993-8576	3	1	PL	BILPG		POFP	B	P	All Year
Sherrick's Wilderness Resorts		(218) 374-3531 or Winter (937) 325-5155	8	7		G		FCPO			May-Sept.
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287	12 Hotel Rooms • 35 Houseboats	1	APL	BDILPSG	D (for boats only) B	FCR PPOKN	B	P	All Year
Voyageurs Landing Resort		(218) 993-2401	3	1		P					All Year
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	(218) 993-2379	1	1				F(FGO)			All Year
Ash River											
Ash River Information Center Orr, MN 55771 (800) 950-2061 • www.ashriver.com											
Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanamresort.com	(800) 950-1081	11	1	APL	BIPG	5WESDRV	FCN			All Year
Ash River Campground	State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 753-2245					9WTRV				All Year
Ash Riviera		(866) 255-1680	6	3		IPS (FGO)	1 ERV	FRPRBD (FGO)			May-Sept.
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtrail lodge .com	(800) 777-4513	20 Houseboats			BILPG		FRPORB		P	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475				BILRGF		FCRKPO			May-Sept.
Frontier Resort	frontierresort.net	(218) 374-3311	11	3	PL	BIPRG	8WEDRV	FPO		P	All Year
Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	Winter (218) 875-2070, (218) 240-1724/1726	20	1	PL	BRSGIL		FCKP			May-Sept.
Sunset Resort Campground	sunset-resort.com	(800) 232-3161	10	3		BIRG	7WESBRV	FPO	B	P	All Year

VOYAGEURS ACCOMMODATIONS

Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls																	
International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau 301 2nd Avenue • International Falls, MN 56649 (800) 325-5766 or (218) 283-9400 www.rainylake.org				Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; K-Bikes; (FGO)-For Guests Only; F-Firewood	Campsites & Services : W-Water; E-Electricity; S-Sewer; D-Dump Station; B-Bathroom; T-Tent Sites; RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing; R- Runabout; C-Canoe; P- Paddleboat; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool	R-Recreation Room; P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)					
Arnold’s Campground & RV Park (218) 285-9100					1		PDS	24WESDBRV			P	April-Oct.					
Bear Ridge Guest House bearridgeguesthouse.com (218) 286-5710				2								All Year					
Birch Point Camp (218) 286-3541 (218) 286-3414				3	1			15EBWTRV	FD	B		May-Sept.					
Budget Host Inn budgethostinn.net (800) 880-2577				32	1							All Year					
Camp Idlewood campidlewood.com (888) 741-1228				9	2		GI	3WESBRV	FCPD(FGO)	B	RP	All Year					
Days Inn Motel daysinn.com (800) 329-7466				58	1							All Year					
Falls Motel fallsmotel.com (800) 328-8435				25	1							All Year					
Hilltop Motel hilltopmotelifalls.com (800) 322-6671				16	1							April-Oct.					
Holiday Inn holidayinnifalls.com (800) 331-4443				126	1	PL				P	R	All Year					
International Voyageur RV Park (218) 283-4679								60WESDBRV			RP	May-Sept.					
Island View Bed & Breakfast bedandbreakfast.com (888) 848-8890				3	1							All Year					
Island View Lodge & Cabins gotorainylake.com (800) 777-7856				23	1-3	APL	BIGL		C(FGO), FKDPO	B	RP	All Year					
The Lakeview, Cabins and RV Park (800) 888-5737				5				WESD3RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.					
Northernaire Houseboats of Rainy Lake (800) 854-7958 northernairehouseboats.com				16 Houseboats			ILRG		FPOC(FGO)			May-Sept.					
Northern Lights Motel (800) 889-6009				22	1							All Year					
Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com (800) 554-9188				29 Houseboats			BIGRLF		F			May-Sept.					
Rambler Motelramblermotel.com (800) 273-0464				22	1							All Year					
SandBay Bed & Breakfast taraswharf.com (218) 286-5699, (877) RAINYLK (724-6955)				4	1		Ice Cream,SK		FPCDR			All Year					
Sha-Sha Resort (800) 685-2776				8		PL	G		FCD	B	RP	May-Oct.					
Super 8 Motel super8.com (800) 800-8000				53	1							All Year					
Tee Pee Motel geocities.com/teepeeemotel (800) 850-1518				40	1							All Year					
Thunderbird Lodge thunderbirdlodge.info (800) 351-5133				25	1-3	PL	GIP		FC(FGO)D		P	All Year					
Voyageurs Motel (218) 283-9424				20	1							April-Oct.					
Wind-Song Island windsongisland.com W (540) 456-6639 S (218) 286-5600				5	4-7				FC(FGO)			May-Oct.					
WoodsPort Cottages woodsport.com (800) 824-3969				3	3							All Year					
Woody’s Rainy Lake Resort fairlyreliable.com (866) 410-5001 (218) 286-5001				4	2	L	BIP		N(FGO)FRPOD	B	P	All Year					
Commercial Services							Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Air Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Snowmobile Guide	Boat Rentals	Gas
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CRANE LAKE	B.J.’s Guide Service (218) 273-6230				✓						towing						
	Dave’s Guide Service (218) 993-2453				✓				✓								
	Eggen, Butch Guide Service (218) 993-2909				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						
	Jacobson, Lawrence (800) 433-0743				✓												
	Ostberg, Anders (218) 993-2295				✓												
	Pernat, Marshall (218) 254-3112				✓												
	Sunset Guide Service (218) 741-7122				✓				✓		towing						
	Voyagaire Lodge houseboatvacation.com (800) 882-6287				✓				✓		✓					✓	✓
ASH RIVER	Davis, Robert (218) 374-3069				✓												
	Chuck’s Guide Service (218) 875-2025				✓				✓		towing						
	Deer Horn Resort fishandgame.com/deerhorn (888) 600-3337				✓				✓							✓	
	Driftwood Resort (888) 816-1529				✓			✓	✓								
	Herseth’s Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com (888) 834-7899				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						
	Kabetogama Angling Adventures (218) 875-2075				✓	✓		✓	✓			✓					
	Moosehorn Resort moosehornresort.com (800) 777-7968				✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	
	Nev’s Guide Service (218) 875-3961				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						
	Northern Memories Guide Service (218) 875-2091				✓			✓									
	One Doggie’s Guide Service (218) 875-2412				✓												
	Oveson, Leverne (218) 875-2671				✓				✓		✓						
	Snyder’s Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com (888) 483-4608				✓				✓							✓	✓
	Voyageurs Adventures voyageursadventures.com (877) GO KAYAK			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓			✓	
	RAINY LAKE	Arnold, Pat (218) 285-9100				✓				✓							
Bear Ridge Guest House bearridgeguesthouse.com (218) 283-8402, (218) 286-5710																	
Brown, Carl (218) 286-5652				✓	✓							✓					
Doc Holiday Guide Service (218) 286-2068				✓													
Heiss, Robert (218) 286-3147																	
Island View Lodge gotorainylake.com (800) 777-7856				✓	✓			✓		✓		✓					
Knutson, Danny (763) 494-4760				✓													
Mark Thorpe Guide Service (218) 283-5700				✓				✓			✓						
Miller, Tony (218) 286-3199				✓													
One Doggie’s Guide Service (218) 875-2412				✓													
Pederson, Wesley (218) 286-3101				✓	✓			✓		towing							
Pollywog Guide Service pollywogguideservice.com (218) 283-5796				✓				✓		towing							
Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com (800) 554-9188				✓	✓			✓				✓			✓		
Schmidt’s Fish Guiding Service (218) 286-2028				✓													
Scott’s Rainy Lake Guide Service (888) 534-6835				✓				✓									
Thunderbird Lodge thunderbirdlodge.info (800) 351-5133				✓	✓			✓				✓			✓		
Trask, Jeff (218) 283-6146				✓													
Trompeter, Robert (218) 286-5803				✓													
Woody’s Fairly Reliable Guide Service fairlyreliable.com (218) 286-5001				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				

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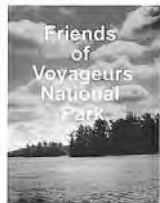
Friends of Voyageurs
National Park

To celebrate our 10th year, the Friends of VNP are sponsoring a "Get the Lead Out" fishing tackle exchange at all park visitor centers. Bring your lead tackle to the visitor center and exchange it for a nontoxic alternative provided by the Friends of Voyageurs National Park, while supplies last. Donations from people like you

sustain our mission of supporting natural, historical and educational activities at VNP such as supplying nontoxic sinkers for the exchange. Your donations have helped fund analysis of plasma samples from young bald eagles to determine if contaminant levels are continuing to decline, assuring a healthy eagle population in the future.

Perhaps your child has taken part in Voyageurs' environmental education programs or used the children's activity centers at the visitor centers. Have you hiked the Echo Bay Trail, used the trash bag provided in your campsite food locker, or listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel? People like YOU who have joined the Friends of Voyageurs National Park have made these and many other projects possible.

We are proud of the many ways we have contributed to Voyageurs National Park. You can be a "friend" of the park too. Pick up a membership brochure or a donation envelope at any park visitor center and join us today! Contact us at 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649 or go to www.nps.gov/voya/home.htm and click on link to Park Partners.



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National Park is to
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available at
Voyageurs
National Park.

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Voyageurs National
Park Association

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With help from friends like you, VNPA

- Promotes Voyageurs National Park through outreach activities and the creation of educational materials such as our new recreation map series and the book, Birds of Voyageurs National Park.

- Advocates for protection of the park's resources by mobilizing constituents.
- Enhances the visitor experience by supporting trail maintenance, park events and publications.



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Voyageurs National Park
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